

AMERICAN TRAGEDY

Terrorists strike World Trade Center in New York, Pentagon near Washington, D.C., in unprecedented attack on United States

'Today our nation saw evil,' president says

NEW YORK (AP) — In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever waged against the United States, knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center on Tuesday, toppling its twin 110-story towers. The deadly calamity was witnessed on televisions across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

"Today, our nation saw evil," President Bush said in an address to the nation Tuesday night. He said thousands of lives were "suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: "We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor."

Establishing the U.S. death toll could

take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors. At the Pentagon, some reports said 800 had died.

In addition, a firefighters union official said he feared an estimated 300 firefighters had died in rescue efforts at the trade center — where 50,000 people worked — and dozens of police officers were believed missing.

No one took responsibility for the attacks that rocked the seats of finance and government. But federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, as the prime suspect.

Aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from at least one flight attendant and two passengers aboard the

jetliners before they crashed, U.S. officials began assembling a case linking bin Laden to the devastation.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on

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Foreign students express concern

By Colin Atagi
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's incidents on the East Coast triggered strong reaction among students of different ethnic backgrounds.

Students expressed various opinions about the events.

While some individuals were angered by the tragedy, others felt that the occurrences should have been expected.

"I'm amazed this hasn't happened before," said a student living in the International House who wished to remain anonymous. "There's been a lot of people threatening the U.S., and (attacking the United States) is not hard to do."

Elena Dorabji, a political science lecturer who specializes in American and comparative politics, said she was saddened by the events.

She was aware, however, that the United States has made a lot of enemies in the past.

"I think that from an academic point of view, this is a world that has gotten increasingly more violent, and the United States is experiencing a lot of disillusion," she said.

"I think Americans are being seen as the bully that was ignoring international treaties and going along with our vision on how we could exploit the world. I think there are a lot of areas of anger and resentment and a lot of opportunity for violence, and even though I think it's shocking and awful, it doesn't surprise me that people are reacting in a violent way."

However, not everyone expected such an event.

Some students were surprised and upset by the events.

"My thoughts, or my feelings rather, are of great disturbance," said David Goodman of Hillel of Silicon Valley, the foundation for Jewish campus life. "Just the fact that something like this could

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Andrea Rojas, right, wipes away tears as her Alpha Omicron Pi sorority sister Tiffany Quintana, left, comforts her at the Catholic

Campus Ministry chapel. The prayer service was held Tuesday for students, faculty and staff members who wanted to pray for peace

after the attacks on the Pentagon and New York City's World Trade Center. More than a score attended the afternoon service.

Students find solace at church service

By Christina Lucarotti
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The afternoon prayer service Tuesday at the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel began with the singing of "Let There be Peace on Earth."

Six hours had passed since news broke of attacks on the World Trade Center.

The West Coast had awakened to a whole new world.

And everyone in America was trying to understand what it meant to be a target of terrorism.

Nearly 30 people from San Jose State University gathered to turn their concerns over to a higher power.

The opening prayer, one specifically used in time of war or civil disturbance, asked God to "banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears."

Sophomore Andrea Rojas attended the service with 13 of her Alpha Omicron Pi sorority sisters.

"It was the least we could do," Rojas said.

She and her housemates had learned about the acts of terrorism at 9:30 a.m. and wanted to show their support for the families of victims. They were also trying to organize fraternity and sorority members to donate blood.

"I'm disappointed that we're capable, as human beings, to do this," Rojas said with tears in her eyes. Her sorority sisters shared her disbelief.

"I'm just mostly shocked that someone could do this, and I'm shocked that it was our own people on those planes, and they knew they were going to die," said Jacquelyn Harlow. "It's hard to comprehend."

During the 40-minute service, Sister Marcia Krause and chaplain Roger Wharton gave reflections focused on self-examination.

"I think we need to realize that we in this country, in this nation,

live a very privileged life. Other people cannot live simply, because we refuse to live less luxuriously," Wharton said as he discussed the United States' use of global resources.

Wharton also talked about the need for forgiveness.

"We need to remember that not only Jesus but all the great spiritual leaders have said revenge and retribution are not the place to go," Rojas agreed.

"I want us to reach out to the Palestinians, not be racist. If anything can come out of this, I hope we grow closer as a nation," she said.

Wharton said he hopes the events in New York and at the Pentagon would cause students to pause and reflect on their personal responsibility to others.

"I don't know what the government's going to do, but on our level, I hope our response is to examine our lifestyles and live more simply," Wharton said after the service.

Krause viewed the tragic events as a chance for transformation.

"We are such a volatile people. We need to be more peaceful, and that only happens through prayer and reflection," she said.

Michaela Black, a nursing student, said she was hesitant to join her sorority sisters at the prayer service because she didn't feel ready to deal with the reality of the attacks, but said it was beneficial.

"It helped give me a perspective and give me a few odds and ends I have to work on," Black said.

Krause urged those in attendance to think about times when they are the source of violence and division instead of peace.

"This day is a challenge and a call to see how we are implicated. I pray that we ourselves can see how we can be peacemakers."

Another prayer service is scheduled for today at 12:10 p.m. at the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel.

Dorm students react to terror

By Moses Peraza
and Karlie Reiss
DAILY STAFF WRITERS

The common area of every residence hall was filled with students focused in on the breaking news of the World Trade Center terrorist act.

Classes were canceled at San Jose State University on Tuesday, but resident halls remained open.

"Only an emergency would close down the dorms," said Anna Bechen, resident assistant.

T. J. Holloway, a dorm resident said, "This just shows we're vulnerable, even as the strongest nation in the world. We also got our own planes high-jacked and crashed into our own building."

The students were conversing on the question of the motive of the act, as well as what will happen next.

"Why do people do this?" said Kassa Benketu, a student resident. "This makes no sense. I hope they, whoever did this, gets what they deserve."

Some of students in the resident halls said they felt that the attacks on the east coast were surreal.

"Absolutely hard to accept," said Tammy Bueno, a SJSU student. "So many innocent people hurt — it accomplishes nothing but creates anger and hostility in people."

Not all students were angry about the attack, however some were worried about friends and family living back east.

"Nerve-wracking," said Germanine Lacap, a resident of Hoover Hall. "I have friends in New York and I tried calling their parents but they are not responding."

Patrick Engdahl, dorm resident, was concerned about his father who was in New York on a business trip.

"He was suppose to have a meeting at the World Trade Center."

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Images of horror glue eyes to television

By Kemberly Gong
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Student reaction was grim in response to destruction of the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon.

In an event that is said to top the death toll and destruction of the WWII attack on Pearl Harbor, some students were shocked and in disbelief of the events that occurred Tuesday.

"I heard it on the radio — it's shocking," said Cindy Leong, an undeclared sophomore.

"You think the U.S. is invincible, but something like this really hits home that anything can happen."

A television was set up outside

the Spartan Bookstore on Tuesday, and students swarmed around it to watch the events broadcasted on the news.

Many stared in disbelief as they watched the video of the airplane as it crashed into the second tower of the World Trade Center.

Many students expressed surprise that the United States would be vulnerable to an outside attack.

"I'm shocked right now," said Joseph Bryant, an undeclared sophomore.

"Personally, it seems like school is going on as normal." This was before it was announced that the campus was

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Andrea Scott / Special To The Daily

Students gather in front of a television outside the Spartan Bookstore to watch coverage of the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

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OPPOSING VIEWS

Do women and minorities need affirmative action laws to help them get jobs?

Affirmative action amends wrong-doings of past, helps reach equal representation

Since this country was colonized, there has been a primary, dominant race and gender in our population. Take a look at the president to figure out what I am talking about. We've had how many presidents? Forty-three? How many of those 43 were female? How many were Indian, Cambodian or Cherokee? Affirmative action state laws are necessary in order for the opportunities that are currently available only to elite groups to be offered to equal portions of the population.

I use the word elite to mean the white race and the male gender because throughout history, this is who was awarded the most opportunities when it came to freedoms — economic, academic and political.

The weight of imbalance still exists and can be proven through whose hands these privileges still lie.

White men still outnumber women and minorities in areas of wealth, political power and education.

These statistics would have, or at least could have, changed had affirmative action withstood the whining cries of its critics.

Proposition 209 halted that progress when proponents began their campaign claiming that affirmative action promoted "reverse discrimination" and throwing around terms such as "color-blind." But in order to be color-blind, I



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think we need to be history-blind.

According to Jamin Raskin, a professor of constitutional law at the American University, "the originator of the color-blindness metaphor was Justice John Harlan, who in the 1896 case, Plessy v. Ferguson, upheld a state's authority to segregate the races into 'separate but equal' accommodations."

We could passively believe the lie that in order to have equality of the races, we must act color-blind. And, like many Americans do, we could just forget about the years of oppression that facilitated the dominant group into becoming more elite through opportunities of education, jobs and political prowess while passing laws that forbade minority citizens their basic rights.

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In the eyes of Ward Connerly, the UC Regent who pushed the anti-affirmative action initiative Prop. 209, "Race is none of the government's business," according to a September 5 article in the LA Times.

In Connerly's eyes, we must all be equal, so let's go home and call it a night. Last time I checked though, we live in a democracy.

This entails citizen participation in government. And that's fine if Connerly trusts government to uphold equal representation of race and gender.

Forgive my lack of faith, but I'd prefer to participate. Not only does the government have a poor track record of being objective, but look at the unbalanced representation of minorities within it.

According to a recent study released by the Women's Leadership Conference of the Americas, in the United States, only 14 percent of the members of the House of Representatives and 13 per-

cent of senators are currently women. Based on recent commentary in El Andar magazine by Andres Oppenheimer, the Argentine Congress is discussing a bill to make it mandatory for "political parties to make sure that 50 percent of their candidates for congressional seats are women."

Realizing this is a radical option for the U.S. to adopt, it might be worth a try. Essentially, competition would be forced to a level playground.

Does anyone ever wonder why, if over 50 percent of the population is female, then why are 85 percent of politicians male? Call me crazy, but I don't think it's because women are at home cooking dinners for their families anymore.

For those who argue that affirmative action oversteps the most qualified of candidates and favors minorities as token generosity, I ask you to consider whether George W. Bush, in all honesty, was the most qualified presidential candidate or just the most qualified to accept big oil companies donations.

Contrary to Connerly's belief, the last time I checked, race is the government's business. Remember that thing called the Census?

Here's my point: You can't keep people locked in a dark room without any nourishment for a couple of centuries, expect them to jump to their feet as soon as you open the door and to catch up to the leaders of the pack. Specifically when the leaders have a 200-mile lead.

What affirmative action has done is beneficial to society because it is nourishing citizens within society who have inherited the effects of decades of depleted constitutional rights.

I realize that minorities aren't victims and that neither women nor minorities should be treated as such. But that is not what affirmative action attempts to compensate for.

It simply says that we need to get the level of opportunities (wealth, education, politics) that the colonists have awarded themselves with through years of white privilege.

Aside from this, to be color-blind is to be numb. How can we be color-blind?

One of the most beautiful things about America is multiculturalism.

Why should we attempt to make Americans bleach out their colors?

The absence of color is black, the presence of all, ironically, is white.

If people become color-blind, then they become assimilated, and who made this a good thing all of a sudden? It is by holding onto the distinction of cultural identities and sharing them with others that we can learn and challenge our views. Affirmative action allows different cultural backgrounds to have equal opportunity for representation in politics, education, government and business.

Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed of "the time when a man will be judged for the content of his character and not for the color of his skin."

The reality comes before the dream.

Until the time bureaucrats stop whining about affirmative action 'not being fair,' we should at least attempt to promote competition in business, education and politics, which will award equal representation of the multitudes of cultures and ethnicities within our communities.

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Diversity in the work force achieved, affirmative action no longer needed

Affirmative action has lingered in the circuit courts with results continuously swaying to anti-affirmative action initiatives. Diversity is a necessity in the multicultural United States, therefore, institutions are not going to break away from a diverse environment because affirmative action was removed from the public sector.

Constitutionally, affirmative action goes against the Equal Protection Act, stated in the Supreme Court ruling of Regents of California v. Bakke in 1978.

A law that gives people a greater chance because of their race or gender is against the American way.

"This liberalism is essentially an apology, and its appeal is that it gives American institutions a way to show remorse," said Shelby Steele, a columnist for the Wall Street Journal Europe. "It offers a double standard to minorities that symbolically matches the double standard of racism."

California is a melting pot. The Census Bureau reports indicate that this state no longer has a majority. California is so diverse that it stands alone with the largest population in the United States, and overall diversity.

"The nation's most populous state has fewer whites than the combined population of Hispanics, Asians, blacks and people of mixed races," said Juan Williams, the host of "Talk of the Nation" during his June 28 National Public Radio program.

So let California lead the way in dealing with equal opportunity issues.

The State Court of Appeals in Sacramento on Sept. 4 struck down five laws that helped women and minorities gain state jobs and positions at community colleges and concluded that they go against Proposition 209.

Proposition 209 states that the "state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting."

Ward Connerly led the campaign for the passing of Proposition 209 in 1997 and is the founder of American Civil Rights Coalition. He told the Baltimore Sun last month he believes that ridding the state of racial classifications would create a more color-blind society.

He is trying to put a "Racial Privacy Initiative" on California's November 2002 ballot that will terminate the race driven questions on state government forms.

While filling out your San Jose State University application, could you classify your race in a single box?

Not only does this process of classifying your race results in questions as to what the government is going to do with this information, but it also provides this already feared power with information that does not depict your individuality.

"It seems like every time we fill out a government form," Connerly said, "the government wants to know, 'What are you?' 'What's your race?' 'Why should that matter to the government?'"

The issue of affirmative action is waiting in line for admission to a Supreme Court hearing because it is a constant case in the high-level courtrooms.

The 1978 case was the last time affirmative action was interpreted by the Supreme Court in the decision of Regents of the University of California v. Bakke.

Allen Bakke, a student who applied for the University of California of Davis Medical School sued in order to strike down the admission policy of reserving 16 out of 100 spots for Black applicants, claiming that it was discrimination against Whites.

The question is, at what point will one of these many cases be considered serious enough to rise to the Supreme Court, and who will make up the justices that will be sitting on the bench at this time?

The transfer of parties in the White House has led to President Bush to replace the once liberal view on the issue with a conservative stance.

In 1996, the case of Hopwood v. Texas in the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals put an end to racial preferences in the states higher education. The court ruled that the University of Texas law school was basing their admission decisions on race and it was not rational.

We all understand that institutions are trying to promote diversity, however, this same act is striking down the competitive nature of this country.

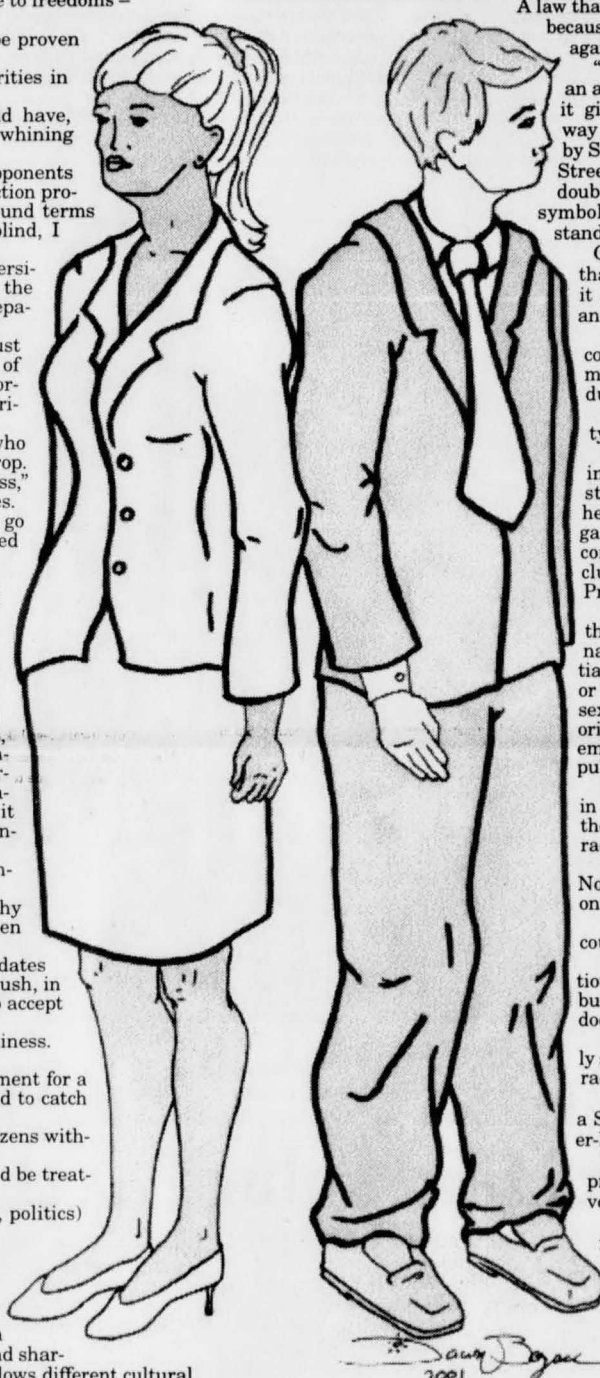


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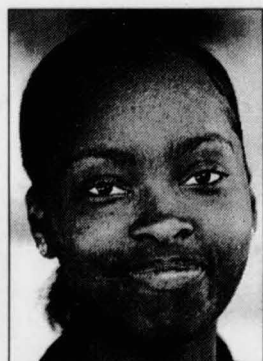
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Karl Reiss is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

TALKING HEADS

Is affirmative action needed to boost hiring of women and minorities?



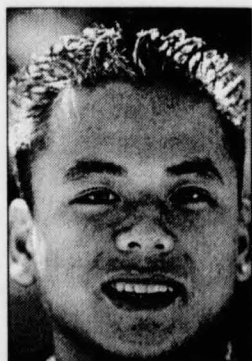
"I think so. I don't have the scientific answer, but minorities need it."

— Crystal Davis
freshman
biology



"It's a temporary solution to a bigger problem to how minority groups and women are attributed."

— Faten Hijazi
senior
computer engineering



"Why should there be? Everybody should be treated the same."

— Kevin Lam
freshman
computer science



"No, because I believe the best should get the job. Affirmative action might not get that."

— Ivan Pehar
junior
business management



"I would say sometimes affirmative action disregards the important things rather than qualities. Things are getting better."

— Beth Dameron
senior
music



"No, because if women or minorities have the right of knowledge for what they're applying for, then they don't need affirmative action."

— Pedro Yanez
freshman
political science

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Editorial

Nation shall remain resilient, strong spirit cannot be bent

The odds of being a victim of a terrorist attack are extremely low. You have a greater chance of dying from a bee sting than from a hijacking or bombing.

Most Americans perceive terrorist attacks as problems that take place elsewhere, in war-torn countries or places with a history of major unrest.

But Tuesday, a terrorist attack happened.

Four deadly, cowardly attacks that may have taken thousands of lives.

And these actions didn't take place in Israel, the Balkans or the Philippines, but in the United States. Specifically, Arlington, Va., and New York City — places that are thousands of miles away from San Jose.

Hours after Tuesday morning's attack, in the consciousness of everyone, those places could have been next door.

The attack could be considered an act of war. Worse, the weapons of mass destruction used to crash into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon were of sickening design: civilian airliners hijacked and piloted by suicidal terrorists.

This is something only author Tom Clancy, who had a 747 loaded with explosives and a determined terrorist to destroy Capitol Hill in his novel "Executive Orders," or Hollywood action movie writers, would have

dreamed possible.

But it happened. And we didn't have the luxury of Clancy's hero, superspy Jack Ryan, around to save the day.

The shock wasn't just to students who had canceled classes or travel plans. It wasn't just a shock that another bloody attack happened on American soil, one that made Timothy McVeigh's siege on the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City pale in comparison.

Yet, the fact that a terrorist attack has happened here again, and on a grand scale, using a device that normally seems so innocent — a commercial plane with passengers and crew, one of thousands flying each day across the American skies — is what makes it frightening.

These planes fly near San Jose State University and the city's downtown high-rises all the time.

While the chances are extremely minute, one cannot rule out that an attack could happen here. Anytime, anywhere, and with little or no warning.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the nation and its people lost innocence again.

But if this nation and its people withstood the horrors of Pearl Harbor and the Oklahoma City bombing, it will survive — and rebound — from this latest atrocity.

American innocence shattered with lost lives

The dream is over. America isn't invincible anymore.

With the hijacking of planes and the attack of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., a shocked nation is learning that in the world of terrorism, we're suddenly fair game.

But the tragedy isn't that a building was blown up.

The tragedy isn't that jets were hijacked.

The tragedy is that people were on those jets, in those buildings and in the area where it happened.

People are dead.

Buildings can be rebuilt.

Planes can be replaced.

People can't.

So what do we do now?

America, a world powerhouse, is the victim of a terrorist attack.

People are stunned.

Others are hurt.

And even more are afraid.

It's like something out of a doomsday movie.

The TV news shows people running, screaming and yelling for others to find safety while billows of white smoke chases them.

Images of falling debris flash across the camera.

Footage shows people jumping from the crumbling World Trade Center to the horrified shrieks of people below.

Should we, as Americans, be afraid?

Should we be angry?

Should we retaliate?

'Retaliate vigorously,' says George Shultz

STANFORD (AP) — Former Secretary of State George Shultz said the United States should respond aggressively to Tuesday's terrorist attacks and must not let them change the nation's way of life.

"This is an act of war by somebody," said Shultz, who was President Reagan's secretary of state from 1982 to 1989 and now is a fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University.

Shultz said he expected the nation will find out soon who was responsible for organizing the attack.

"I think we should retaliate vigorously ... making it as clear as possible to the people who do this the cost is going to be very high," he said.



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Can we afford not to?

President George W. Bush said, "Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

He later said in his televised press conference that the search was on for whoever was behind the "evil acts."

"We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts

and those who harbor them," he said.

It's not just a threat.

It's a promise of war on whoever is responsible.

It's a promise to retaliate on behalf of all Americans.

Because as president, it's his job to protect the people of this country and to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Because America isn't invincible.

We never were.

It just took an incident like this to wake us up.

Michelle Jew is the Spartan Daily Executive Editor. "Spoiled" appears Wednesdays.

eBay halts auction items

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The Internet auction site eBay of San Jose is banning the sale of any items relating to the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, out of sensitivity to Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Managers of the site took down several listings offering debris or other items purportedly from the buildings, eBay spokesman Kevin Pursglove said Tuesday evening.

As the day went on, the company decided that it would not be

appropriate to allow even legitimate items related to the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, Pursglove said. The company wanted to eliminate the chance someone would try to profit from the tragedy, he said.

Items already up for sale even before the attacks — such as dozens of postcards, posters and other collectibles related to the World Trade Center and Pentagon — were expected to be taken down later Tuesday.

Spartan Guide

Today

African Center/Asian American Center/Chicano Library & Mosaic

Film showing: "Yo Soy Joaquin" and "Chicano: The history of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement," at noon in Modular A, Room 117/118. For more information, call Juan Pablo at 924-2707 or 924-2815.

jspirit.org

The Labyrinth is open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seventh Street volleyball courts. Spiritual explorers, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and University of the Spirit: Christian pray and meditation techniques at 7:15 p.m. in the Tipi Chapel, next to Robert's Books. For more information, call chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or visit the Web site, jspirit.org.

Sigma Pi

Broomball at 10:30 p.m. Meet at 182 South 10th St. For more information, call the Rush hotline at 279-5146 or Gus Pries at 398-3679.

Sigma Nu Fraternity

Rush event: Barbecue and wiffleball with Alpha Phi sorority at 7 p.m. Meet at Sigma Nu, located at 155 South 11th St. For more information, call Darin Gile at 995-0127.

Theta Chi Fraternity

Rush event with Alpha Omicron Pi at 7 p.m. Meet at the Theta Chi house. For more information, call Juan Loreda at 920-9640.

Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity

Celebrate 16 de Septiembre with Aztec dancers and guest speakers at noon in the

Student Union Amphitheater. For more information, call Lupe Ramirez at (831) 840-0990.

REACH Program

Re-Entry and Commuter Help Program hosts Brown Bag: Making connections. Come and join other students. Feel connected to SJSU, noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Pacheco room. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

Students for the Truth

First meeting of the semester, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Montalvo room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Pat Ha at 910-4258.

A.S. Campus Recreation

Castle Rock hike pre-trip meeting, 5 p.m. at the Montalvo room in the Student Union. For more information, call Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

The English Society

Welcome back tea, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Faculty Offices building, Room 104. For more information, call the English department at 924-4425.

Campus Ministry Chapel

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, located at 300 South 10th St. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Thursday

The Listening Hour

Piano recital, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. Student highlights from Laurel Brettell's piano studio. Kie Kitegawa, Jung Yeon Kim and Makiko Ooka perform music of the Romantic period. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

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Nature awareness hike, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet at the Tipi Chapel, located next to Robert's Books. A time to explore area parks and expand your nature awareness. Reservations suggested. For more information, call chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or visit the Web site.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Peace, justice and non-violence class will

be held, 5:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Father Charlie at 938-1610.

Campus Crusade for Christ

Night Life: A great time of fellowship, teaching and worshipping, 8 p.m., in Washington Square Hall, Room 207. For more information, call Cary at 297-2862, e-mail at jsucrusade@yahoo.com or visit our Web site at www.jsucrusade.com.

Women of Color Conference Steering Committee

We're looking for radical women of color to help us plan SJSU's first women of color conference. Bring your ideas, your heart and your soul to help us make this an awesome event. Meet at 9 p.m., outside of the Chicano Library. For more information, call Erika at 507-8535.

Anemia Film Club

Tentative showing of the 1986 film "Jules and Jim," directed by Francois Truffaut. Meet at 9:30 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 100. For more information, call Elena Korjenevich at 286-8698.

Jewish Student Union and Hillel

Come join us for Rosh Hashanah and celebrate a sweet New Year, noon to 1 p.m., in the Student Union and Dining Commons. There will be bees in the Student Union handing out apples and honey. Come get your free kits to celebrate the sweet year ahead. Also, for all you Residence Hall students, join us at 8 p.m. in the Dining Commons, as we celebrate "A Taste of Rosh Hashanah" with the RAS. For more information, call Gideon at 286-6669.

Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity

Septiembre 16 barbecue at noon in the Seventh Street barbecue pits. For more information, call Martin Ayala at 279-1308.

Beta Theta Pi

Get your game on, 8 p.m., at the Nickel City Arcade. Meet at the Beta house, located across from the Business building on 10th Street.

Spartan Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon, three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

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Journalism interns caught in airport frenzy as officials grounded all commercial flights as safety precautions to terrorist attacks

By Mike Osegueda

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Karen Kabling and Jena Torres sat on an airplane bound for Washington, D.C., on Tuesday morning, immune to what was going on in the world around them.

Buildings were crumbling down. Destruction was running rampant. Lives were being changed forever while other lives were being lost.

A terrorist attack on the United States had altered the scope of the country forever, claiming the lives of people at New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon near Washington D.C.

But Kabling, a San Jose University senior, and Torres, an SJSU graduate, didn't know any of this. They were at San Jose International Airport, destined for a journalism seminar and were supposed to be in the air at 6:26 a.m.

Both of them were still in a daze themselves at the early hour, but they had no idea of the daze the country was in.

"We had no idea what was going on," Kabling said. "They said something about hijacking and there was going to be a delay. First it was 15 minutes, and it became an hour."

"It was really freaky. We couldn't believe this was happening. It was like a movie."

Kabling and Torres, both former staff writers for the Spartan Daily, were supposed to attend orientation for the Chips Quinn Scholar Program in Arlington, Va. After boarding the plane about 6:20 a.m., Kabling thought a normal delay was keeping her flight on the ground longer.

Soon, the pilot announced that a terrorist attack had caused a delay and it would take 15 min-

"I kept getting goose bumps. I couldn't believe it was happening."

— Karen Kabling, SJSU senior

utes to figure out what was going to happen.

Less than 10 minutes later, Torres and Kabling found out that the Federal Aviation Administration had ordered that all planes be grounded. It would be at least an hour until they went anywhere, if at all.

On the aircraft, they still didn't know exactly what was going on. Torres said that when she heard "terrorist attack," she thought it was bad. She had no

idea of the extent until she got off the plane and her cellular phone started ringing.

"Seven people called me all at once. Everybody was like 'Oh my God, you'll never believe it. It's crazy. It's like a cartoon. The Pentagon is on fire.' I could hardly believe it's true. I had no idea until I got in the car with my dad and got to hear the radio and especially when I got home and got to see for myself."

Torres said she realized just how tragic the situation was when she got a call from her father.

"My dad was telling me: 'Jena, just leave your ticket. Leave your suitcase. I want you to get out of the airport.' When my dad told me that, I knew it was pretty serious."

Kabling also got calls checking on her from her friends and family. "Where are you? Did you fly?" they asked her.

As they wondered about the airport, trying to kill time before finding out whether they would fly out of San Jose on Tuesday, Torres and Kabling noticed people crowding around an unopened Gordon Biersch restaurant.

"Wow, those people can't even wait to drink," Torres recalled joking. "But it was because they were looking at the news."

As the facts became less clouded, fear began to set in.

"I kept getting goose bumps,"

Kabling said. "I couldn't believe it was happening."

Eventually, the two of them found that they weren't going to be able to leave Tuesday.

They rescheduled their flights for today, but not without warning. One in particular came from a ticket agent at American Airlines.

"The planes were American," he told Torres. "And you guys are going to Arlington. If I was you, I wouldn't even go."

As of Tuesday afternoon, neither one knew if they would want to get on another plane Wednesday.

"I'm even like skeptical about flying with American (Airlines) now or getting on a plane," Kabling said. "I still would want to go there, but right now just doesn't seem like the right time."

Initially, Torres said she had wished she had an earlier flight and she could have been in the air and missed all the madness. But once she saw images on television and talked to her friends and family, her mind changed.

"After I started realizing what happened, I felt very lucky that we didn't take off. And I realized how stupid I was thinking I wanted to go. This is the craziest thing to happen."

Now, I don't need to get on a plane anytime soon. This is scary."

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ATTACK: Nation in shock after terrorists crash two airplanes into the World Trade Center and another into the Pentagon

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The Senate Judiciary Committee. The people aboard planes who managed to make cell phone calls each described similar circumstances: They indicated the hijackers were armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants. The hijackers then took control of the planes.

At the World Trade Center, the dead and the doomed plummeted from the skyscrapers, among them a man and woman holding hands.

Shortly after 7 p.m., crews began heading into ground zero of the attack to search for survivors and recover bodies. All that remained of the twin towers by then was a pile of rubble and twisted steel that stood barely two stories high, leaving a huge gap in the New York City skyline.

"Freedom itself was attacked this morning and I assure you freedom will be defended," said Bush, who was in Florida at the time of the catastrophe. As a security measure, he was shuttled to a Strategic Air Command bunker in Nebraska before leaving for Washington.

"Make no mistake," he said. "The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions."

More than nine hours after the U.S. attacks began, explosions could be heard north of the Afghan capital of Kabul, but American officials said the United States was not responsible.

"It isn't us. I don't know who's doing it," Pentagon spokesman Craig Quigley said.

Officials across the world condemned the attacks but in the West Bank city of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians celebrated, chanting "God is Great" and handing out candy. The United States has become increasingly unpopular in the Mideast in the past year of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, with Washington widely seen as siding with Israel against the Arab world.

At the Pentagon, the symbol and command center for the nation's military force, one side of the building collapsed as smoke billowed over the Potomac River. Rep. Ike Skelton, briefed by Pentagon officials, said, "There appear to be about 100 casualties" in the building.

The television images were extraordinary: a plane slamming into the second tower as smoke poured from the first; the buildings tumbling down and vanishing in a gray cloud; bloodied survivors stumbling through the streets of Manhattan, covered with dust and ashes.

The first airstrike occurred shortly before 8:45 a.m. EDT. By evening, huge clouds of smoke still billowed from the ruins. A burning, 47-story part of the World Trade Center complex — already evacuated — collapsed in flames just before nightfall.

Emergency Medical Service worker Louis Garcia said initial reports indicated that bodies were buried beneath the two feet of soot on streets around the trade center.

"A lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place," he said.

For the first time, the nation's aviation system was completely shut down as officials considered the frightening flaws that had been exposed in security procedures. Financial markets were closed, too.

Top leaders of Congress were led to an undisclosed location, as were key officials of the Bush administration. Guards armed with automatic weapons patrolled the White House grounds and military aircraft secured the skies above the capital city.

Evacuations were ordered at the tallest skyscrapers in several cities, and high-profile tourist attractions closed — Walt Disney World, Mount Rushmore, Seattle's Space Needle, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

The Federal Reserve, seeking to provide assurances that the nation's banking system would be protected, said it would provide additional money to banks if needed.

In Afghanistan, where bin Laden has been given asylum, the nation's hardline Taliban rulers rejected suggestions he was responsible.

Bin Laden came to prominence fighting alongside the U.S.-backed Afghan mujahedeen — holy warriors — in their war against Soviet troops in the 1980s. But former followers say he turned against the United States during the 1991 Gulf War, seething at the deployment of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War campaign to oust Iraq from Kuwait. He has repeatedly called on Muslims worldwide to join in a jihad, or holy war, against the United States.

Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper, said he received a warning from Islamic fundamentalists close to bin Laden, but had not taken the threat seriously. "They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack, but they did not specify," Atwan said in a telephone inter-

view in London.

Eight years ago, the World Trade Center was a terrorist target when a truck bomb killed six people and wounded about 1,000 others. Just the death toll on the planes alone surpassed the 168 people killed in the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

This is how Tuesday's mayhem unfolded:

At about 8:45 a.m., a hijacked airliner crashed into the north tower of the trade center, the 25-year-old, glass-and-steel complex that was once the world's tallest.

Clyde Ebanks, an insurance company vice president, was at a meeting on the 103rd floor of the south tower when his boss said, "Look at that!" He turned to see a plane slam into the other tower.

"I just heard the building rock," said Peter Dicerbo, a bank employee on the 47th floor. "It knocked me on the floor. It sounded like a big roar, then the building started swaying. That's what really scared me."

The enormity of the disaster was

just sinking in when 18 minutes later, the south tower also was hit by a plane.

"All this stuff started falling and all this smoke was coming through. People were screaming, falling, and jumping out of the windows," said Jennifer Brickhouse, 34, from Union, N.J.

The chaos was just beginning. Workers stumbled down scores of flights, their clothing torn and their lungs filled with smoke and dust.

John Axisa said he ran outside and watched people jump out of the first building; then there was a second explosion, and he felt the heat on the back of his neck.

Donald Burns, 34, was being evacuated from the 82nd floor when he saw four people in the stairwell. "I tried to help them but they didn't want anyone to touch them. The fire had melted their skin. Their clothes were tattered," he said.

Worse was to come. At 9:50, one tower collapsed, sending debris and dust cascading to the ground.

At 10:30, the other tower crumbled.

Glass doors shattered, police and firefighters ushered people into subway stations and buildings. The air was black, from the pavement to the sky. The dust and ash were inches deep along the streets.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said it was believed the after effects of the plane crashes eventually brought the buildings down, not planted explosive devices.

Hyman Brown, a University of Colorado civil engineering professor and the construction manager for the World Trade Center, speculated that flames fueled by thousands of gallons of aviation fuel melted steel supports.

"This building would have stood had a plane or a force caused by a plane smashed into it," he said. "But steel melts, and 24,000 gallons of aviation fluid melted the steel. Nothing is designed or will be designed to withstand that fire."

At midafternoon, Giuliani said 1,500 "walking wounded" had been

shipped to Liberty State Park in New Jersey by ferry and tugboat, and 750 others were taken to New York City hospitals, among them 150 in critical condition.

Bridges and tunnels were closed to all but pedestrians. Subways were shut down for much of the day; commuter trains were not running.

Meanwhile, at about 9:30 a.m., an airliner hit the Pentagon — the five-sided headquarters of the American military. "There was screaming and pandemonium," said Terry Yonkers, an Air Force civilian employee at work inside the building.

The military boosted security across the country to the highest levels, sending Navy ships to New York and Washington to assist with air defense and medical needs.

A half-hour after the Pentagon attack, a United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 jetliner en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Airline officials said the other three planes that crashed were American Airlines Flight 11, a Bo-

ing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, apparently the first to hit the trade center; United Airlines Flight 175, also a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, which an eyewitness said was the second to hit the skyscrapers; and American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757 en route from Washington-Dulles to Los Angeles that a source said hit the Pentagon.

"We're at war," said Gaillard Pinckney, an employee at the Housing and Urban Development office in Columbia, S.C. "We just don't know with who."

Felix Novelli, who lives in Southampton, N.Y., was in Nashville with his wife for a World War II reunion. He was trying to fly home to New York when the attacks occurred.

"I feel like going to war again. No mercy," he said. "This is Dec. 7th happening all over again. We have to come together like '41, go after them."

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ETHNIC: International Students watch with fascination, shock and disbelief at the terrorist attack on the United States



Sean Penello/Special to the Daily

Sarah Bassett, a resident of the International House, reacts to television coverage of the World Trade Center towers collapsing Tuesday afternoon in the house's TV room. Bassett heard about the attack Tuesday morning but hadn't seen the video until hours after the incident. Bassett, from Australia, said she was shocked that this happened while she was studying in America.

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happen to so many lives and the entire world is appalling."

He also said he has a cousin and friends who live in the New York area.

One other student from the International House, who also wished to remain anonymous, did not believe the tragedy happened when he first heard of it.

"You don't see two buildings that big fall down every day," he said. "I went to class literally with shivers."

He said that whoever orchestrated the act had to have high intelligence.

"It's one person who has connections," he said. "An engineer who figures out if you crash a building that size, with a plane that size at that speed ... so they had to calculate it would happen if you hit the building at this point. He must have been planning this stuff because it all happened in one day."

He added that though his brother supports the United States, he said it was about time that someone retaliated against the United States.

In contrast to how students and staff members at San Jose State University were feeling,

there were reports that some Palestinians in the Middle East were rejoicing about Tuesday's events.

Not everyone wants to immediately place the blame on them, however.

Dorabji said she believes they have become a scapegoat for terrorist acts.

"I would hope that after the Oklahoma City bombing that we shouldn't just find the enemy on the outside," she said.

SJSU political science Professor Constantine Danopoulos had feelings similar to Dorabji.

He said he was hesitant to comment about the situation until more information was released.

"I'm not even sure if the Palestinians had the capability to commit the act," Danopoulos said. "The situation in the Middle East is complicated and has gotten more complicated in recent weeks following the failure of the Camp David talks of some months ago ... Are things connected to the Middle East? Possibly, but there's no evidence. Are they connected to something else? Quite possibly."

Arlene Miller, executive director of Hillel, said she was saddened by the events, but also

decided to take a wait-and-see approach.

"I think it's extremely tragic and devastating for the American people as a whole to have something like this happen to our country, to also know that we're targets for terrorism," Miller said. "I don't know myself who the perpetrator of this violence was. I'm not going to make any inflammatory speculation on it either. We'll wait and see."

Hillel is offering services to students who want to express their feelings or deal with any emotional trauma about Tuesday's events.

"We want to express that we're available here for our students," Miller said. "We're going to have some representatives from the counseling center to help people work through this grieving process that we're all going to have to work through as a community, not just the Jewish community, but with the San Jose State campus community. I believe that all students have been affected by this tragedy."

Anyone who has questions can contact Hillel at (408) 286-6669.

The Hillel building is located at 336 East William St.

Office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.



Sean Penello/Special to the Daily

Amanda Colyer, and **Matthieu Lemaire** sit in the International House's TV room engulfed in news coverage about the attacks on the United States on Tuesday.

DORM: Housing services have forums set up so students can talk about their feelings, fears or to just visit with others

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ter at 2 p.m.," Engdahl said. "He was only five miles away when the first plane collided into the tower."

Diana Tran, the public relations spokeswoman for campus Housing said, "University officials had several meetings Tuesday morning to brainstorm ideas on providing students with activities."

"We are working with Inter-Residents Hall Association to provide forums to talk about what students can do," she said.

Some concerns for students came from Bechen.

"The main objective of resident assistants is to keep the students safe and happy," said Bechen. "She was trying her best

to keep a handle on things and if students plan to go home she wanted them to let her know."

"If the university is closed down because of an emergency there are designated shelters," Tran said.

One of shelters is the campus recreation center located at the Event Center.

But what Bechen said does not concern Tiffany Montgomery is from Los Angeles.

"Thousands of students live in the dorm," she said. "So I'm not worried about them closing down the dorms. Besides, San Jose is not politically significant enough to be that concerned."

After classes were canceled, students stood around the dorms and gathered in their rooms, either talking about what was

happening, or watching the news.

Michelle Suarez, a resident, said she wouldn't do her homework because of the tragic events that took place on the east coast.

"I'm really distracted right now," she said. "My concentration is out the window."

Jason Shaughnessy, another student resident said he was planning to go to work in San Mateo.

Tran said housing would take the lead from the university, when it was not known if classes would be cancelled today. The university was very aware of the need to provide food and shelter for the students, by working closely with Dining Commons and Counseling Service.

STUDENT: Shocked masses gather around televisions in the Student Union and classrooms to witness the day's events

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evacuated and closed at noon.

Bryant, along with some other students, expressed fear that San Jose is a major metropolitan city and could also be subject to an attack.

"Everybody is saying that America is one of the most powerful countries, but now we're seeing that's not true," said Elmer Santos, a senior in electrical engineering.

National security of the United States was in question for some students who say they believe the United States still faces some danger.

"I don't feel safe now," said Jay Abidog. "Doing something like this to get your point across is wrong. It's very selfish, and it sacrifices the lives of other people."

"I think this is a good reminder that we still need to worry about defense," said Courtney Konopack, a senior in political science, referring to recent debates about the necessity of

national-defense spending.

Santos called for more action by President George W. Bush in handling this incident and increasing defense in the United States.

"If you're the president, it is not only your job to serve your country, but you're supposed to protect the people," Santos said. "Innocent people died and you can't change that after the fact."

Others said they were not as surprised about the day's events.

"I knew it would happen sooner or later, but I didn't know it would happen on this magnitude," said political science major Les Boross.

Some students said they believe Osama bin Laden or the Taliban had something to do with the attack.

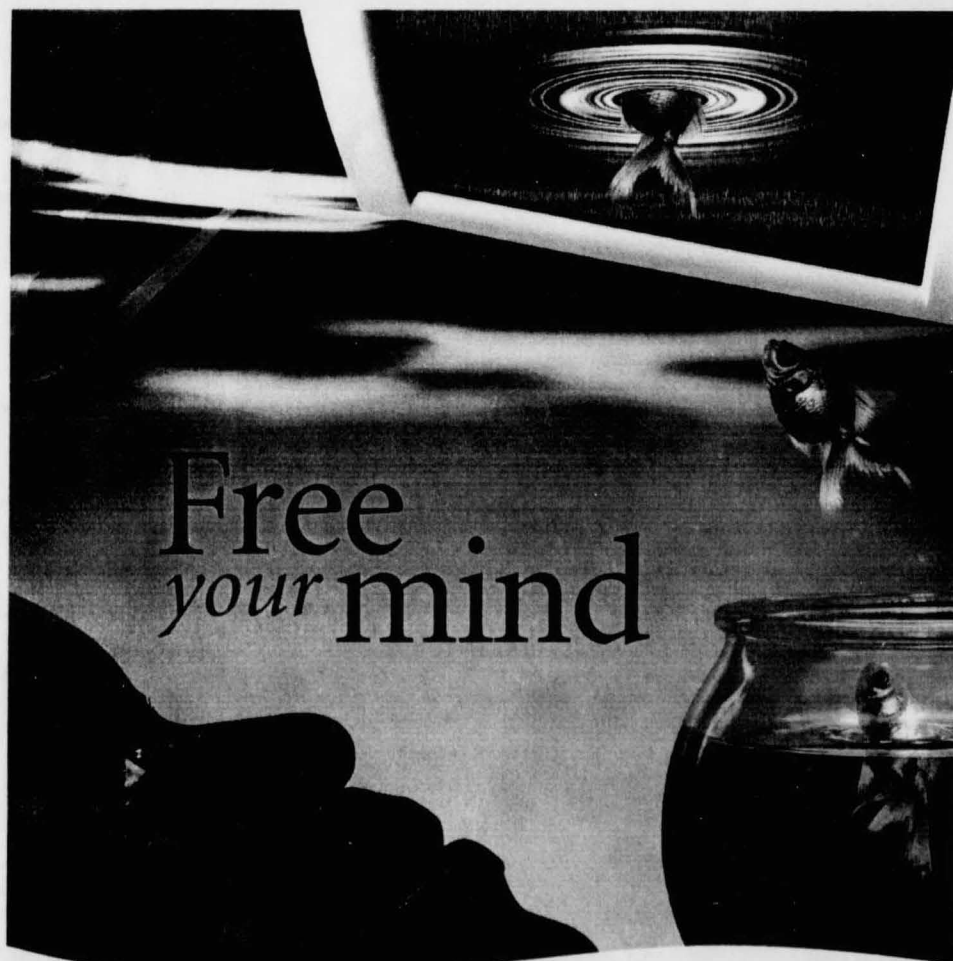
Bin Laden is an independent leader of a group that shares the same views of the fundamentalist Islamic group, the Taliban. The Taliban controls 95 percent of Afghanistan and is not recognized by the United States.

"I wouldn't be surprised if there was conspiring between other Islamic militant groups," said a senior in the criminal justice department who wanted to remain anonymous. "As a member of the Kashmiri group, I wouldn't doubt they would do this. The Kashmiri have been targeted other times by the Taliban."

However, political science Professor Constantine Danopoulos said it is too soon to draw any conclusions about the day's events.

"I don't think we should jump the gun," Danopoulos said. "I find it hard to believe that they could have coordinated such a multi-headed development. I don't think they have the capability."

"Speculation is not a good thing. In the Oklahoma City bombing, we blamed the Palestinians first, then we found it was done by a domestic group."



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Terrorist attacks jeopardize games

Decisions still pending for other SJSU, college sports

By Chris Giovannetti and Marcus R. Fuller

DAILY STAFF WRITERS

Today's women's soccer match at Long Beach State has been canceled because of Tuesday's terrorist attacks, while the men's game at Santa Clara University will still be played at 7:30 p.m., the San Jose State University sports information office announced Tuesday.

Saturday's football game against Stanford is still scheduled as planned, said Lawrence Fan, SJSU sports information director, but final word may come today.

The decision to play other college football games this week, beginning with games on Thursday, is expected to be made today in a conference call with the 10 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I football conference commissioners.

Thursday's Penn State-Virginia game has already been postponed, as has the Ohio-North Carolina State game.

At SJSU, women's volleyball coach Craig Choate was looking into "local playing alternatives in case the Kentucky tournament is canceled or postponed."

"Right now, it's 90 percent that we would cancel the trip to Kentucky," he said. "But if they allow planes to fly out by Thursday, we'll leave. If some girls don't want to go, I won't force them."

Senior setter Savannah Smith said despite being scared about the situation, she would feel obligated to take the trip to Kentucky if the flight isn't canceled.

"If that was the case, I would feel like I should go," Smith said. "I couldn't see anyone not going."

This weekend's tournament at the University of Kentucky in Lexington would take place Saturday and Sunday.

The men's golf team was playing the Oregon State Tournament. At press time, the players finished the competition and will drive back to San Jose today and Wednesday. The team was originally supposed to fly from Portland, Ore., to San Jose on Tuesday.

Across the nation, the sporting world found itself in disarray.

Taking a lead from the rest of the country, the baseball world, in a state of uncertainty, canceled all major and minor league games Tuesday.

For Major League Baseball, it was the first time in 56 years that it had canceled its entire schedule of games for a reason other than work stoppages or weather.

Locally, the San Jose Giants, a Class-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, had its California League Northern Division playoff game with Bakersfield canceled.

Game Four will take place at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at Bakersfield's Sam Lynn Ball Park.

San Jose leads the best-of-five series two games to one. Should Game Five be necessary, it will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday at Municipal Stadium.

The Giants captured Game Three on Monday night, 4-3.

The National Football League, which held games two days after President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963, announced Tuesday that no decision about this weekend's games will be made for at least 48 hours, unless information comes earlier making it easier to render a decision.

The PGA Tour announced that Thursday's first round of the World Golf Championship in St. Louis has been postponed. The tournament now will consist of 36 holes on Friday, 18 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on Sunday.

Spartans beat towering Vols

By Marcus R. Fuller

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The University of Tennessee women's volleyball team brought nine players standing 6 feet or taller into the Event Center on Monday, but the towering Volunteers couldn't block the Spartans from winning their fourth straight non-conference match this season.

Junior outside hitter Kimberly Noble had a season-high 22 kills and nine digs to lead San Jose State to a 3-1 victory against Tennessee. "I felt really confident," Noble said. "I was feeling like just give me the ball."

SJSU senior outside hitter Brianna Blair had 15 kills and 14 digs. Sophomore middle blocker Liz Hudson contributed 11 kills and 10 digs.

The Spartans (7-2) broke Tennessee's (4-2) 12-game win streak by winning the first two games, 30-19 and 30-27.

After a 10-minute break, the third game went to the Volunteers 30-18.

Noble said she couldn't put a finger on the reason for the swing in momentum.

"We're not used to the breaks, but we knew they would come back stronger," she said. "I guess we just felt like giving them one."

Spartan head coach Craig Choate said he had never seen his team have such a successful beginning.

"Everything was going our way early. We were playing great, and Tennessee was not," Choate said. "We usually start off really slow. I didn't think we could start like that — play toe-to-toe against them and win. The way we played was fabulous."

In Game One, sophomore Liz Yost, who has played in five games this season, gave SJSU a spark with her presence on the block.

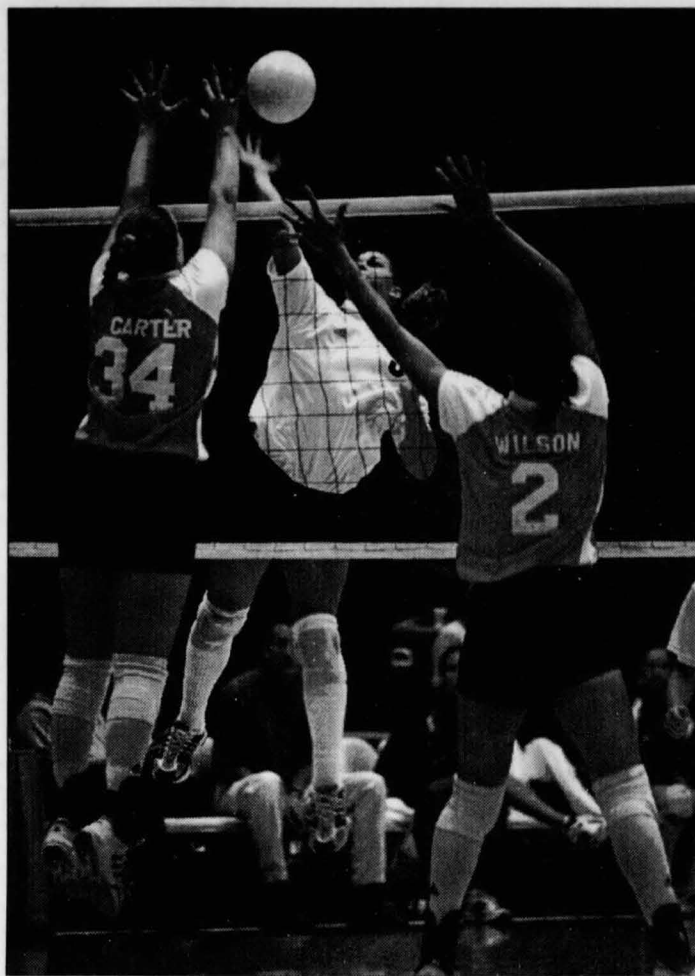
Choate said the 6-foot-2-inch middle blocker continues to impress him.

"Yost played well in San Diego last week," he said. "She doesn't hit the ball a whole lot, but teams have to think twice when she's in there."

The Spartans appeared to be sailing before losing four straight points to make the score 29-27 in Game Two. Hudson's kill, however, extended SJSU's win streak to 11 games.

Blair, Noble and senior setter Savannah Smith, who had 51 assists in the match, would not let SJSU fall behind any further after losing Game Three.

Smith's two consecutive aces gave the Spartans a 14-12 advantage, and they never



SJSU middle blocker Stephanie Pascucci sets up for a spike against the University of Tennessee Volunteers in a Monday night game at the Event Center. The Spartans beat the Vols three games to one.

Kristopher Gaaney / Daily Staff

looked back. The game highlight was during a five-minute rally when two opposing players collided with each other before Tennessee's Janelle Hester hit the ball into the net.

Ariana Wilson, who had 24 kills, brought the Volunteers to within a point (28-27), but back-to-back kills by Noble and Blair ended the match. It was Blair's second kill shot for

game point on the night.

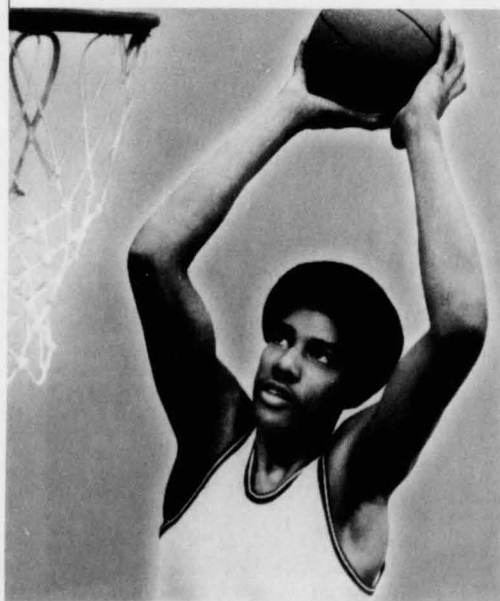
"This was our win against a really nice opponent," Choate said.

The Spartans, who lead the all-time series 5-0, previously played Tennessee in 1996. Their next game is scheduled for Friday against the University of Kentucky at the Conference Challenge in Lexington, Ky.

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Red Cross swarmed by blood donors

By Tiffani Analla
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DAILY STAFF WRITERS

In the wake of the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters Tuesday, the San Jose American Red Cross was packed with local residents who wanted to donate their blood to surviving victims.

"I'm here because I feel like I want to do something," said Isabelle Lacey, a Santa Clara resident, who has been a frequent blood donor. "I want to be apart of the people who mobilize to help, and this is the only way I know how to help."

Two planes piloted by unknown hijackers crashed into the World Trade Center in New York. Another plane controlled by another unknown hijacker slammed into the Pentagon near Washington, D.C.

After the respective buildings were devastated, the surviving victims flooded into New York and Washington, D.C. hospitals.

A fourth plane crash occurred near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Because of the need for blood in these areas, throngs of San Jose potential donors waited in lines outside of the San Jose American Red Cross anywhere from 45 minutes to three hours long to help surviving victims.

Local resident Marta Sherwood said she had been following the tragedy since the morning, and when she heard on television that donors were needed, she wanted to respond.

The vast turnout, Sherwood said, can be attributed to people's desires to help others in times of emergencies.

"I think it shows Americans have a bond with one another, even when a tragedy happens on the other side of the country," the Gilroy resident said. "We want to help."

American Red Cross volunteer Inge Scharmer said she has witnessed similar support during the Oct. 17, 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in which 62 people were killed throughout central California and during the Oct. 20, 1991 Oakland Hills fire when 25 people died.

Scharmer agreed that a special bond develops during emergencies.

"People just bond beautifully," said Scharmer, who has been an American Red Cross volunteer for 23 years. "People just respond in that way and we're grateful."

Lifeguard coordinator Carmel Jones said that as of now, New



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At the American Red Cross in San Jose, Robert Ruesch sorts through packets of blood donated for the victims of the World Trade Center attack. The crowds were so large that the Red Cross had to turn away some future donors.

York does not need the blood. The headquarters of the American National Red Cross, located in Washington, D.C., will organize when and where the blood will go, Jones said.

Because of the influx of potential donors, Jones said she encourages people to make an appointment to come back at another time. Although the San Jose American Red Cross meets its daily blood requirement there is always a need for blood donations, she said.

"We want people to donate on a regular basis so there's always blood for a national disaster," the 20-year volunteer said.

Currently, the American National Red Cross has an estimated 80,000 blood donations that can be shipped to affected areas, which include New York, Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia.

Since blood has a shelf life of 35 days, the need for blood always exists, Jones said.

Kimberly Roberts, a communications supervisor for the Oakland American Red Cross, agreed that there is always a need for blood donations.

"The need for blood isn't going to drop off in two days. People will need this for at least a few months," she said.

Moreover, the outpouring of support was also evident in Oakland, Roberts said.

According to Roberts, there was a three-hour wait outside the building, and potential donors were lined up outside before the center opened.

"We've had a ton of people come out. Appointments for the next two days are completely full," she said.

On a normal day about 40 people give blood, Roberts said. Tues-

day, at least 100 people showed up.

Potential donors were required to fill out a questionnaire, were interviewed and were given a hemoglobin test to see if they qualified to give blood. After this process, donors then gave blood and were taken to the canteen area where they snacked on chips, cookies and drank water.

A 15-minute period of rest is required after blood is extracted, Scharmer said.

Associate director for the Santa Clara County Chapter, Barbara Vitcosky said she was impressed by the turnout at the American Red Cross in San Jose.

"It's really amazing to see an outpouring of concern," Vitcosky said. "It's touching to see."

Vitcosky said those who are interested in donating blood at another time can call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

How you can help

Due to the overwhelming response from citizens who wish to donate blood to the Red Cross, potential donors can expect to wait long hours in line or come back at a later time after making an appointment.

"People are coming wave after wave," said Patrick Lehigh, who donated blood Tuesday and has volunteered for the Red Cross in the past.

"Everyone is coming out of the woodwork," he said.

In lieu of the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters Tuesday, Red Cross staff at the San Jose American Red Cross experienced a line of citizens hoping to donate blood Tuesday afternoon.

"The situation as it is right now is we have people waiting in line and the wait is taking about

three hours to go through the whole process," said Red Cross volunteer Carmel Jones.

Citizens not only have to expect a wait, but must also satisfy certain criteria beforehand.

"In order to donate blood you should be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health," Jones said.

"We're asking people right now to fill in a pledge card with their name and phone number and we will call them to schedule an appointment at a later date, perhaps next week," she said.

By delaying the amount of blood donors to a later date, the Red Cross hopes to accommodate victims in New York and Washington, and have blood to spare if needed.

"New York and Washington have the blood for the patients now but they are going to continue to need blood based on their injuries, and we're going to need to be able to ship blood to them," Jones said.

Since blood has an expiration date and people can only donate blood every 56 days, timing is of the essence.

"If everybody gives right now, blood only lasts 35 days and we need to be able to have that blood in a month from now to be able to supply it as well."

In addition to citizens offering to donate blood, there were also people interested in volunteering.

San Jose State University Professor Sue Molloy, also a Red Cross volunteer, came to the San Jose branch to help after classes at the university were cancelled due to the disaster.

"We need more young, energetic students to volunteer," Molloy said.

According to Molloy, a professor in the Nursing Department, classes in disaster training are offered at the university and at the San Jose American Red Cross.

For more information call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. To make an appointment to donate blood, log on to www.BeADonor.com. Hours for the San Jose location at 2731 North First St. are from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Terror attacks send wave of fear through California

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Californians abandoned offices, raced home to families and prayed for victims in a wave of fear, anxiety and grief after four airliners bound for the state were hijacked Tuesday and turned into devastating terrorist weapons in attacks in the East.

Landmarks from San Francisco's Transamerica Pyramid to Disneyland were shuttered, and security was heightened from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Mexican border. Airports were closed and evacuated, stranding travelers.

The state remained free of attacks, but an emotional wound was opened as the enormity of the destruction at New York City's World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the vulnerability of the nation became apparent.

"They brought America to our knees and it scares the hell out of me," traveler Steve Tabler of San Diego said at Lindbergh Field, where her flight to Cleveland was canceled.

"It's beyond comprehension," said George Straight, a loan officer in Tustin. "The actual effect of the attack, the loss of life is beyond comprehension."

Three of the hijacked flights were bound for Los Angeles and one was headed to San Francisco. Officials expected the passenger lists would show many Californians.

"This is a time for prayer and for coming together as a country," Gov. Gray Davis told a press conference in West Sacramento.

Richard Garcia, special agent in charge of the Los Angeles FBI office, said the agency did not know who was involved in the attacks but had collected a "massive" amount of information.

"We did not have any specific information on any threats dealing with the West Coast, but we also didn't have any information about the East Coast," Garcia said.

The daily hum of California life came to an abrupt halt: Theme parks closed down and planned public gatherings such as the Latin Grammys, scheduled Tuesday night in Inglewood, next Sunday's Emmy Awards and sporting events were postponed.

At the San Ysidro port of entry east of San Diego, the world's busiest land border crossing, traf-

fic was backed up into Tijuana, Mexico, while federal agents carefully searched each north-bound vehicle. But the border itself remained open.

Local military bases were under heightened alert.

Special measures were taken to protect California's electrical grid, water distribution system and key bridges, Davis said.

California Highway Patrol Commissioner D.O. "Spike" Helmick said authorities had received threats in the state "but none of them have been verified so we are not aware of any real threat to our people."

Los Angeles International Airport and San Francisco's Transamerica Pyramid were among facilities and buildings closed as the attacks sent shockwaves the length of the state. Both were among sites mentioned as possible targets in a recent terrorism trial in Los Angeles. The roads and terminals of Los Angeles International, which handles more than 67 million passengers a year, were eerily silent after the morning evacuation.

Only two or three families of crash victims came to Red Cross grievance counselors, spokeswoman Lourdes del Rio Valdes said. Red Cross officials also said they were setting up a shelter for stranded travelers who didn't have hotel rooms.

Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla, speaking for the city leadership because Mayor James Hahn was stranded in Washington, said authorities had received "no credible threats" against the city. Police Chief Bernard Parks sought to reassure citizens but he had to concede uncertainty.

"We certainly have no guarantees, but we're certainly looking at all of the precautionary measures to ensure that the community is as safe as possible," Parks said.

Security cordons were established around federal, state and local government buildings. Coast Guard vessels escorted ships entering California ports. Landmarks like the Golden Gate Bridge remained open but security was heightened.

"It's unbelievable, it's like a movie," sheriff's Deputy Marcia Barbari said while standing guard in front of San Francisco City Hall.



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Tracy Flansburg, of Boise, Idaho and her daughter Brianna, wait for a shuttle to take them to a hotel from the San Jose International Airport. Flansburg was stranded at the airport after the FAA grounded all U.S. airplanes Tuesday.

California Highway Patrol officers, sheriff's deputies and heavily armed FBI agents wearing bullet proof vests dotted the perimeter of the Federal Building in the Westwood section of Los Angeles. A police helicopter circled overhead.

The pandemonium at ground zero of the attacks was more than 40-year-old Virginia Roberts could take as she stared, transfixed, at a

TV at an Irvine gas station. "I just want to go home," she said. "I'm scared. I'm scared for everybody."

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Weezer cancels concert

By Karen Kerstan
and Todd Hendry

DAILY STAFF WRITERS

Noah Dorsey, Viet Phan and Brandon Nguyen sat next to the door by the Event Center with autographed CDs and posters of the band Weezer in their hand and listened to the band's sound check.

Dorsey, Phan and Nguyen are die-hard fans who tracked the band at their hotel and got autographs from all of the band members with the exception of lead singer Rivers Cuomo.

Dorsey traveled from Portland, Ore., to see the band play.

"I don't have enough money to pay for a hotel, because I spent most of my money on Weezer tickets," Dorsey said.

Weezer was scheduled to perform at the San Jose State University Event Center on Tuesday, but the concert was postponed due to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

According to fliers posted along the walls and windows of the office, the performance was postponed, and a rescheduled date is yet to be announced.

"Word from the higher ups was the concert was postponed as a result of the national tragedy," said event production supervisor

Adam Carabajal.

According to Carabajal, some frustrated fans held up cardboard signs in front of the Event Center asking for rides to tonight's show in Oakland.

Carabajal said the date and time for the Oakland show has not changed.

Brandon Nguyen and Viet Phan, Evergreen Valley Community College students and devoted Weezer fans, were completely disappointed with the news.

"We bought tickets the first day they were on sale, I don't know what (Weezer) is going to do, but they better make up the date," Nguyen said.

A staff member for the event said the band will reschedule the concert, but when is unknown. He said because of the national crisis, a decision was made out of respect and caution by the band and its management to postpone the concert.

Tracy Lypen, a high school student, said she was planning to attend the concert mostly to see the band Cold, which was scheduled as the opening act for Weezer. "I just don't know what to do now."

Even though she's disappointed, she said she respects the band's decision in the wake of the tragedy.

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Of books and bikes



At 60, SJSU librarian pedals up to 10,000 miles each year

By Moses Peraza

DAILY STAFF WRITER

When Steve Sloan returned from a 100-mile bike ride with Bob McDermand, department head of serials at San Jose State University's Clark Library, his son looked concerned and asked if the pair had gotten lost.

Sloan, an instructional support technician at SJSU, had been satisfied with the 17-mph cadence he kept on the trek from San Jose to Hollister, but apparently the pace had been more recreational for McDermand, 60.

"My son told me that Bob's wife had called and wondered what was taking Bob so long, because he (usually) gets home a lot sooner," Sloan said, adding, "Riding with Bob is a humbling experience."

McDermand, who has been cycling for 25 years, has traveled across the United States from

California to New Hampshire twice.

Lodging during his cross-country trek has come in the form of cemeteries, church parishes and homes of strangers who take him in.

McDermand recalled sitting at a Dairy Queen just outside of Lincoln, Neb., during one trip. In talking to a couple of linemen, one of them urged McDermand to call his friend when he got to Lincoln because he loved to ride bikes too.

When he arrived in Lincoln, it started to cloud up, so McDermand said he called the stranger with nothing else to go on other than his friend's referral.

"Well, he gave me directions to his place," McDermand said. "When I arrived, he had four to five people at his place and was giving a barbecue."

McDermand said he was welcomed at the barbecue and sat



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Above, librarian Bob McDermand has a moment in the periodicals section of the library with both his passions: books and bicycles. Left, McDermand dons his helmet and cycling glasses outside the Clark Library.

around and talked until 10 p.m.

After spending the night in one of the bedrooms, McDermand awoke and found his clothes washed and stacked in a neat little pile next to him.

This summer, he was going to make his third trip cross-country, when a chance to fulfill a lifelong dream — to ride in the Tour de France — changed his plans.

McDermand said the opportunity came about when he met a cyclist who was going with a group from Minneapolis to the Tour de France, the 20-stage, 2,150-mile-long bike race considered the world's premier cycling event. A chance cancellation by a member of the Minneapolis group prompted the cyclist to ask McDermand if he would fill in. Without hesitation, McDermand replied, "Sign me up."

Besides watching the race as a spectator, McDermand rode on five parts of the tour route.

"I rode on them either the day before the race or the day of the race," McDermand said.

One of his most interesting and humbling experiences during the Tour was the day he climbed 6,049 feet up what many consider to be cycling's most daunting mountain, L'Alpe d'Huez.

After reaching the summit in 47 minutes, McDermand watched U.S. postal team cyclist Lance Armstrong pound his way up the harrowing climb in 38 minutes — and this after enduring 10 consecutive days of riding distances more than 100 miles.

McDermand said his respect for the rider and the U.S. postal team extended off the paved road.

"We had people in our group that had U.S. postal gear on," McDermand said of his group's garb during nights out on the town.

The red, white and blue jerseys would prompt fellow revelers to chant "Viva la Armstrong" and clap

when they entered restaurants, he said.

Back home, McDermand puts more mileage on his pedals than some people put on their cars.

He has ridden in the 129-mile Death Ride with more than 16,000 feet of climbing through the California Alps in Alpine County nine times.

Blake Morse, an IT consultant at the Clark Library, and McDermand's riding companion, said the race has five leg-killing mountain passes ranging from 8,100 feet to 8,500 feet.

"I rode with him on one of the mountain passes," Morse said. "But Bob got bored and rode ahead of us."

Besides the Death Ride, McDermand has also ridden the Davis Double, with more than 6,600 feet of climbing, four times, the Alaskan Highway from Fairbanks to Dawson Creek, a 1,700-mile trek, and along the West Coast from Vancouver, British Columbia, to San Diego,

which is a 1,400-mile journey.

In an off year, McDermand said he clocks 7,500 miles on his bike, with a good year bringing 10,000 miles of pedaling power.

"If I ride that much," McDermand said, "I should be in good shape to hop on my bike and ride anywhere."

McDermand's aptitude for cycling was developed when he was 35 and lived in New Hampshire, where he had to ride from 5 miles out of town to an 800-foot hill called Texas Hill.

McDermand said that at first, all the cycling clubs, with their brightly colored spandex uniforms, intimidated him because his normal cycling uniform was cut-off jeans and a T-shirt.

Today, McDermand estimates that he logs 225 miles per week, riding from his home in San Jose to SJSU's campus weekdays, and on 30- to 40-mile recreational rides on weekends.

Exercise may alleviate stress, prevent illness

By Hillary Cargo

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Barbara Conry suggests that students "Listen to your body. It's a great communicator."

Conry teaches stress management at San Jose State University and knows about the ways in which stress can take its toll on people's lives.

The phrase "fight or flight" may sound familiar.

These are the options our bodies have when faced with stress, Conry said.

"Exercise provides a key outlet for the (fight) action," said exercise physiologist Peggy Plato.

Plato is also an assistant professor in the human performance department.

"Flight" reactions to stress can include excess eating, drinking, sleeping or working, according to Conry.

Warning signs of stress, for those who "listen to their bodies," include mental anxiety, too much (or not enough) sleep, chronic muscle tension and feelings of being overwhelmed, Plato said.

Sometimes health can go unchecked as responsibilities add up.

"I call it the hurry sickness," Conry said. "When we have less patience, less tolerance for mistakes and overreact to stimuli, these are warning signs that stress is having a negative effect on our lives."

Healthy way to get high

There are healthy ways to deal with stress, and many begin with preventative measures, according to Conry.

Choosing exercise is a tool for preventing damaging effects of stress, Plato said.

"When we are moving and physically active, we are saying 'yes' to life," Conry said.

Exercising provides a tool for

"checking in" and making sure that the mind and body are in balance, Conry said.

So what types of exercise are the most useful in battling stress?

Although Plato doesn't recommend a particular exercise, she said that total fitness comes from a combination of three elements.

"Flexibility, cardiovascular and muscle strength are key components of what is important," Plato said. "But the most important thing is consistency. It has to be something you enjoy doing, otherwise you won't do it."

Exercise can initiate these feelings of being "high on life," Conry said.

These feelings of being naturally high occur through serotonin and adrenaline being released during exercise, Conry said.

Enjoying exercise tends to propagate other benefits that can include increased confidence and self-esteem, Plato said.

"It's a good release," junior Niko Wagner said, taking a break from weight lifting. "Exercising makes my life better, I have more self-confidence because of how I look and feel."

Other benefits of exercise can include increased energy and memory.

"If I don't exercise, I get tired," senior Christina Legaspi said.

"It boosts my energy and is a way of coping with stress."

According to a study done at California State University at Chico's Psychology Department, norepinephrine, a neurotransmitter involved in many behaviors, is depleted in states of chronic stress.

According to this study, aside from being involved in mood states, norepinephrine also plays an important role in the formation of memory.

"I forget things easier when I

"Exercise is very important because I feel like we sometimes wear masks. When I exercise, I can let go of that."

— Tsui-Chuan Yang, graduate student

don't exercise," senior Tan Nguyen said.

So finding an hour to go to the gym can provide a window of opportunity to give your mind a rest and your body a workout.

"Exercise decreases perceived stress," Conry said.

According to Plato, exercising lends an opportunity to see life situations from a different perspective and can help clear our minds.

"When I run, I think about other things," said graduate student Tsui-Chuan Yang. "Exercise is very important because I feel like we sometimes wear masks. When I exercise, I can let go of that."

The time crunch

Many students can attest to the fact that time management is a valuable tool.

But for some reason, exercise

is often the first thing to get shaved off the schedule when schoolwork piles up.

"I exercise when I have time," Nguyen said. "When I can afford to, it depends on the amount of schoolwork I have."

Finding time for exercise is about prioritizing.

"Time management is critical," Conry said.

"You are vulnerable to burnout unless you can pull away and nurture yourself."

A key in finding time for our health is prioritizing, Plato said.

"Choosing an exercise routine should be a lifestyle choice," Plato said. "Specifically since the long-term effects of stress can be damaging."

"Stress breaks down important lipolytic enzymes," Conry said. "These enzymes are responsible for breaking down fat and cholesterol."

"Most risks for heart disease start at a young age," Plato said.

Conry emphasized that chronic stress can affect every system in the human body, including a weakened immune system.

"Lifestyle is important to preventative health," she said.

If discipline is the main setback to an exercise routine, Plato recommends finding small opportunities during the day to exercise.

"Instead of taking the elevator, take the stairs," she said. "Instead of driving, walk. People need to spend 30 minutes a day walking more."

Fitness from within

The way that individuals deal with challenges can also determine how they cope with stressors, which add up quite fast, Conry said.

"Be calm in the eye of the storm," she said. "Remember that you are infinitely more than any obstacle you encounter."

In her stress management classes, Conry teaches the importance of metaphysical fitness,

which is a term she equates with spiritual well-being.

"It can give us peace to know that we are connected to something beyond ourselves. It is important to feel connected — to have inner respect and respect for something outside of ourselves, be it Mother Nature or just our surroundings," Conry said.

She said that a key aspect of coping with stress is having connections with support groups.

"An analogy can be made between the tires on a car and the aspects of our lives," Plato said.

According to her, each individual tire represents a social, physical, emotional and spiritual aspect of life.

So if one tire has too much air, our lives can easily become unbalanced, and the ride is bumpy.

Aside from exercise, much of how we deal with stress relates to how we view the world, Plato said.

"It was Socrates who said 'know thyself,' Conry said. "It is important to know your abilities and limitations in this competitive academic environment."

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SJSU radio station cancels N.Y. trip

By Marcus R. Fuller
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Members of San Jose State University's radio station KSJS were in grief much like the rest of the nation Tuesday after hearing about the terrorist attacks on American soil, but they had more than one reason to be shaken up. Eight members of KSJS were scheduled to attend the College Music Journal Marathon on Thursday through Sunday at the Hilton in New York City, just a mile from where two planes crashed into the World Trade Center.

"At first I was freaked out for a selfish reason. I was like, 'Oh no, CMJ's going to be canceled,' then I realized that our nation was under attack," said Michelle Robles, KSJS promotion director. "Of course I have grief for our nation, but I'm real disappointed about CMJ."

The KSJS students were supposed to fly out of San Francisco airport at 3 p.m. today but will more than likely remain in San Jose. All flights in and out of San Francisco International Airport have been postponed until noon Eastern Time tomorrow, officials said.

Robles, who hasn't been able to contact anyone about a possible ticket refund, said she received calls from several other KSJS members concerned about the trip. "They asked if we were still going," she said. "I told them they should be lucky we're in San Jose and not New York."

As she walked out of her class on the first floor of Dwight Bentel Hall, KSJS staff member Tami Iida had a look of complete surprise on her face. She had just spent the last hour watching the events unfold on CNN during class but just realized she could have been near the chaos.

"I was supposed to fly into New York tomorrow. What if this happened tomorrow?" said the senior radio and television major.

Nick Martinez, KSJS general manager, said he doesn't expect the festivities to go on.

"I doubt there will be a conference in the middle of Manhattan," he said. "It would be in bad taste if CMJ has it now."

More than 10,000 participants from across the country were scheduled to be in New York for the music extravaganza, including several bands from an independent

publicity firm called Midnight Feeding, located in Boston.

Company owner Sonya Kolowrat, who lives in an apartment building between Manhattan and Brooklyn, said she knew of any cancellations.

"It's pretty scary right now. Whether CMJ happens is the least on anybody's mind," said Kolowrat, who at the time didn't know anyone who was injured in the explosions. "Everybody's still worried about friends and family members."

Kolowrat said her roommate woke her Tuesday morning.

"We went outside to the porch and had a pretty good view of what was going on," she said. "We saw a lot of smoke in the air. It was unreal. It was like watching a movie."

"Most people are in shock right now and don't know what to do. They don't know whether to leave town or to buy groceries."

Several of her bandmates are already in New York, but Kolowrat said she wouldn't risk flying any others to the CMJ event even if it proceeded.

"Hopefully, nothing more will happen, but I don't think anybody can foresee it being safe. I have people in Washington, D.C., but I don't want them getting on a plane," she said.

Checking in on family...



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In front of Dwight Bentel Hall on Tuesday morning, San Jose State University senior Carl Brasell, right, talks to his father in New York, while SJSU senior Darlene Amidon-Brent talks to her husband after the terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

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- Heron cousin
- Voyager
- Abates
- War god
- Good-night girl
- Glossy fabric
- Tai - chuan
- Political play
- Serve soup
- oxide
- Date palm locale
- Baker's dozen, to Cato
- Bachelor's last stop
- Gave out the cards
- Japanese delicacy
- Turned over and over
- Remains
- Neighbor of Burma
- Downy fruit
- Painted
- Dress style
- Distribute
- Students do this at lectures
- Duds
- Merger
- Have supper
- First-aid supply
- Garden flower
- Foxy

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- Overcomes
- Table scrap
- pro nobis
- Isn't able to
- Nine-headed monster
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- Expose
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Campus shuts down

By Sarah Grace Ruf
and Julian J. Ramos

DAILY STAFF WRITERS

At noon Tuesday, San Jose State University was closed due to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

All 23 California State University campuses, which can only be closed by CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed or California Gov. Gray Davis, were closed except for essential personnel.

"We have an emergency plan," said Sgt. John Laws of the University Police Department on Tuesday. "We've done it before, and we are going to do it again today."

"It's not a real imminent crisis. We're doing this as low key as we can by going through the buildings and letting people know we're closing the campus."

Marshall Goodman, SJSU's provost, spent the afternoon walking around campus to inform students about the closing and gauging their reaction.

"I'm just in awe at how quickly a campus this size was closed," said Goodman, who was senior executive in President Robert Caret's absence.

According to Goodman, Caret was at Long Beach attending a CSU Board of Directors meeting Tuesday morning but began driving back to San Jose when the meeting was canceled in response to the attack.

The dissemination of information was very orderly with postings on all buildings, and management personnel was patrolling campus to answer questions, Goodman said.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., the provost's office was flooded with phone calls from students who had heard radio reports about the closing of all state offices, Goodman said.

According to Laws, the campus closure does not include the residence halls.

"Residents are safe where they

are, for now," Laws said during the campus closure.

According to Martin Castillo, the community campus coordinator, residence halls and food services will remain open.

"We're putting up signs for students to leave notes for resident advisers and resident directors if they leave for any extended period of time," Castillo said.

Counseling services will be available for students, and the Dining Commons will remain open late for residents who need an alternative place to eat and congregate, Castillo said.

Resident directors will hold emergency hall meetings for residents to discuss today's turn of events, Castillo said.

Student's had various reactions to the closure of campus, some were happy, and some were not.

"I don't think everything should come to a grinding halt - the campus isn't being targeted specifically," said student Kim Brown.

However, student Mihael Dayeh disagreed.

"A majority of people don't want to be here with everything that's going on," Dayeh said. "I just hope people see the relevance of it (campus closing)."

Goodman said San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzalez had called earlier in the day and gave the city's support to SJSU.

"We greatly appreciated his offer," Goodman said.

In his press conference Tuesday, Gonzalez expressed his profound shock and sadness at City Hall in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York and near Washington D.C.

Flanked by members of the City Council and public services officials, Gonzalez assured residents that all precautions are being taken to maintain calm in the city.

"All our attention and effort is to keeping San Jose safe," Gonzalez said.

All police, fire and other public

services in the city are on a heightened state of alert, he said.

For the most part, city operations have not been affected, he added.

City Police Chief William Landsdowne was on a flight to the Bay Area from the East Coast, but his flight was diverted to Columbus, Ohio. He is expected to arrive in San Jose when flights resume. In the meantime, Assistant Chief Thomas Wheatley is serving as acting chief.

Wheatley said an increased police presence will be seen throughout the city.

Fire Chief Manuel Alarcon said the department's search and rescue team is on-call by federal authorities to scramble at a moment's notice.

An Emergency Operations Center has been established at City Hall to coordinate resources along with federal agencies such as the FBI and the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Ralph Tonseth, the city aviation director, said a response center was set up at the San Jose International Airport at 7 a.m. in response to the attacks. The airport was subsequently evacuated and was empty by 8:30 a.m.

"There will be an increased (police) presence, and it will remain (that way) for some time," Tonseth said. "Our goal is to reassure safety at the airport."

Tonseth also stated that stranded, out-of-town passengers will be accommodated at local hotels until regular flight operations resume.

Gonzalez said it is too early to point fingers and called for the city to come together in this time of grief and anger.

"We are a city of incredible and great diversity," he said. "We do our best when we come together."

Locally, the American Red Cross Santa Clara Valley Chapter is contacting volunteers who specialize in search and rescue, medical and mental health services.

Above right, a student leaves Duncan Hall on Tuesday around noon, as the doors close for the day. All buildings on campus were closed Tuesday in the aftermath of terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon near Washington, D.C.

Right, Mayor Ron Gonzalez addresses the terrorist situation Tuesday during a press conference at City Hall.



Ben Liebenberg / Daily staff

Counseling available at SJSU

By Clarissa Aljentera

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Kirsten Dahl was at home this morning when the news came through that the World Trade Center in New York had been destroyed.

Both World Trade Center towers were leveled after two hijacked jets crashed into them and part of the Pentagon was crushed after another hijacked jet crashed into part of the building.

Dahl, an American Airlines flight attendant, said she was shocked about the tragedy and would have been in the air this morning had she not cancelled her flight plan this week.

"I was scheduled to fly to Boston," Dahl said. "I would have been airborne."

The feeling of initial shock and sadness that people may have experienced after the incident are what the Campus Ministry Center and counseling services are preparing to deal with during the next few days.

San Jose State University counseling director Wiggys Sivertsen said counseling services planned to remain open after classes were cancelled Tuesday afternoon. Counselors were also wandering around campus just to talk to students, she said.

Sivertsen said she is concerned about students and emphasized that counselors will be available.

Dahl walked onto campus around noon to take her daughters Emily, 3, and Olivia, 11 months, to day care. However, Dahl was notified after stepping onto campus that classes were cancelled, and she decided to change directions and go home.

Sivertsen said she had immediate concerns for groups of students or faculty members who have friends or family on the

East Coast, or people who have had other crises in their lives might be affected because of the recent tragedy and individuals who might be shocked at the horrendous nature of the crime.

Another group of students Sivertsen said she is concerned about are the groups of people who might be seen as the enemy.

"The nation whoever ultimately ends up being responsible will be generalized to the whole community," Sivertsen said. It could be a case of ethnocentrism or holding people responsible who didn't have anything to do with the attack, Sivertsen said.

Counselors had already reported incidents Tuesday afternoon.

Terri Thams, a counselor and professor, was teaching her psychology of prejudice class when she said her students witnessed three Asian students being called "murderers" as they walked down the street.

"People are just afraid," Thams said.

San Jose State University finance student Hsin-I Tseng, had lived in New York for two months and was shocked by the news.

"I was kinda terrified," Tseng said. "I was sleeping when my aunt came in and told me, and I was so surprised."

Tseng's father had worked in the World Trade Center a few years ago with a financial institution, but has since moved back to Taiwan.

Aside from the counseling center on campus, the Campus Ministry Center also stayed open and kept a vigil going Tuesday night. Students were welcome to stop in and talk, meditate or pray.

"We're here and available here for them to discuss with respect how this has affected their lives," Krauss said. "People might feel helpless, and there is nothing we

can do but draw on prayer from God to strengthen or unravel a non-understandable situation."

Sivertsen said everyone has a tendency to be affected after such a big tragedy.

"The shock will begin to wear off," Sivertsen said. "There are going to be anxieties because their life has been shaken. They might get snappy and irritable and have bad dreams or not sleep well."

The emotional shock might be more difficult for Americans to deal with because of their mindset.

"Typically Americans have this notion that all those things happen over there (overseas)," Sivertsen said.

One of the more recent bombing incidents on American soil was the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma in April 1995.

"We are not prepared emotionally to deal with it. When it does (happen), it shatters a sense of emotional security and well-being which then can create someone to feel agitated and dysfunctional," Sivertsen said.

Sivertsen sent out an e-mail to deans as a precautionary note to watch out for fellow co-workers or students that might need to talk. She suggested that instructors set aside class time to discuss the issues that are raised after the terrorist attack.

"This needs to be discussed in classrooms," Sivertsen said. "They need to talk about the hatred and violence to talk it out."

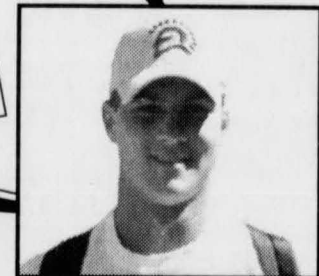
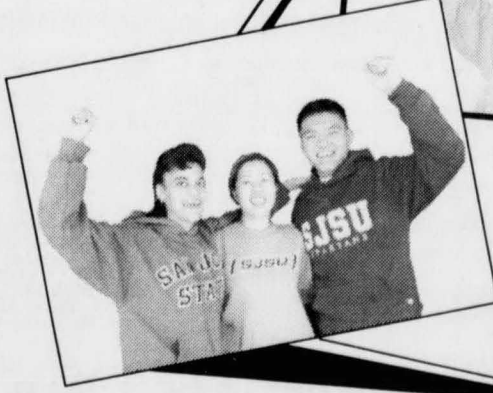
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